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UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEM AMONG ENGINEERS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is acute unemployment problem among the Engineers in the country and that the U. R. Rao Committee on technical education in the country had made certain recommendations with regard to the seats and the Engineering colleges in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government with regard to the reconsideration of the committee?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH)

(a) to (c): As per U.R. Rao Committee on Technical Education, the explosive growth in the number of technical institutions in the country particularly during the last two decades, non- availability of qualified faculty in required numbers, inadequate infrastructural facilities combined with slower economic growth, industrial recession and the geopolitical situation have resulted in a large number of engineers unable to find suitable employment. According to a recent estimate of the Planning Commission the unemployment rate of engineering graduates exceeds 20%. The Committee has made the following recommendations:-

1. Much stricter control in giving further approvals to new institutions specially in the South, Southwest and Western Regions, to slow down further proliferation of institutions in these regions.

2. No further expansion of UG technical institutions should be allowed and approvals for new institution should be stopped for at least 5 years in States where the UG students' intake exceeds the national average of 150 per million population.

3. Technical Education imparted to our graduates and postgraduates must ensure that they are not only well equipped but also able to keep with the latest technology and market trends.

After receipt of U. R. Rao Committee Report the Government has asked All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) to examine the report and furnish their para-wise observations/views on the recommendations of the Committee. AICTE has constituted a Task Force to give its observations/views on the recommendations contained in the Report.